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**Listing of Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A network terminal apparatus connected to other network terminal apparatuses via a network, the network terminal apparatus comprising:

a memory;

an acquiring unit that transmits a command requesting setting information to ~~one of the other~~ another network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~, and receives the setting information from ~~the one of the other~~ said another network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~ in response to said command;

a setting unit that sets the network terminal apparatus in accordance with the received setting information, and stores the received setting information in the memory; and

a transmitting unit that retrieves the setting information from the memory, in response to receipt of an acquisition request from ~~another one of the other~~ a third network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~, requesting the setting information stored in the memory, and transmits the retrieved setting information to ~~said another one of the other~~ said third network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~ in response to said acquisition request,

wherein said network terminal apparatus receives the setting information directly from said another network terminal apparatus, and the setting information received from said another network terminal apparatus corresponds to settings of said another network terminal apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein

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the command from the acquiring unit specifies a designated item of the setting information, and the network terminal apparatus receives the designated item from ~~said one of the other~~ said another network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled).

5. (previously presented) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a transforming unit that transforms the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format of the network terminal apparatus;

wherein the setting unit sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network terminal apparatus and stores the format-adjusted setting information in the memory.

6. (original) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transforming unit transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

7. (currently amended) A network terminal apparatus, comprising:

acquiring means for transmitting a command requesting setting information to another network terminal apparatus connected via a network, and receiving the setting information from said another network terminal apparatus in response to said command;

setting means for setting the received setting information to the network terminal

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apparatus;

storing means for storing setting information that store the received setting information;

receiving means for receiving an acquisition request requesting the setting information stored in the storing means, from a third network terminal apparatus connected via the network; and

transmitting means for transmitting the setting information to said third network terminal apparatus in response to said acquisition request,

wherein said network terminal apparatus receives the setting information directly from said another network terminal apparatus, and the setting information received from said another network terminal apparatus corresponds to settings of said another network terminal apparatus.

8. (previously presented) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said command from the acquiring means indicates specific items designated by a user.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled).

11. (previously presented) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

transforming means for transforming the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format of the network terminal apparatus;

wherein the setting means sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network terminal apparatus; and

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the storing means stores the format-adjusted setting information therein.

12. (previously presented) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the transforming means transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

13. (currently amended) A method of sharing setting information between a network terminal apparatus and ~~another~~ other network terminal ~~apparatuses~~ apparatus connected via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a command requesting setting information from said network terminal apparatus to ~~[[said]]~~ another network terminal apparatus;

receiving by said network terminal apparatus the setting information from said another network terminal apparatus;

setting the network terminal apparatus based on the received setting information;

storing the received setting information in the network terminal apparatus;

receiving by said network terminal apparatus a request for acquiring setting information from a third network terminal apparatus; and

transmitting the setting information from said network terminal apparatus to the third network terminal apparatus,

wherein said network terminal apparatus receives the setting information directly from said another network terminal apparatus, and the setting information received from said another network terminal apparatus corresponds to settings of said another network terminal apparatus.

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14. (currently amended) A network facsimile apparatus, comprising:  
a first network terminal apparatus; and  
a second network terminal apparatus connected to the first network terminal apparatus via a network, the second network terminal apparatus storing setting information;  
wherein the first network terminal apparatus transmits a command requesting the stored setting information, to the second network terminal apparatus, and the second network terminal apparatus retrieves and transmits the setting information stored therein to the first network terminal apparatus in response to the command from the first network terminal apparatus, and  
wherein said first network terminal apparatus receives the setting information directly from said second network terminal apparatus, and the setting information received from said second network terminal apparatus corresponds to settings of said second network terminal apparatus.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, wherein said ~~another one of the other~~ third network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~ is set based on the setting information received by said ~~another one of the other~~ third network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~ from said network terminal apparatus.

17. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network terminal apparatus receives the setting information from ~~the one of the other~~ said another network terminal apparatus ~~apparatuses~~ in response to the setting information

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requesting command transmitted by the network terminal apparatus to ~~the one of the other~~ said another network terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses, and the network terminal apparatus transmits the setting information to said ~~another one of the other~~ third network terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses in response to the acquisition request from said ~~another one of the other~~ third network terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses.

18. (new) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, wherein the setting information received by the network terminal apparatus from said another network terminal apparatus includes information indicating a device model version of said another network terminal apparatus, and wherein if the device model version of said another network terminal apparatus does not match a device model version of the network terminal apparatus, a transforming unit of the network terminal apparatus transforms the received setting information from said another network terminal apparatus into setting information suitable for the network terminal apparatus and the setting unit sets the network terminal apparatus based on the transformed setting information.

19. (new) The network terminal apparatus of claim 18, wherein said transforming unit transforms the received setting information from said another network terminal apparatus based on a stylesheet corresponding to the device model version of the network terminal apparatus.

20. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the setting information received by the network terminal apparatus from said another network terminal apparatus includes information indicating a device model version of said another network terminal apparatus, and said method

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further comprises:

comparing the device model version of said another network terminal apparatus to a device model version of the network terminal apparatus; and

if the device model version of said another network terminal apparatus does not match a device model version of the network terminal apparatus, transforming the received setting information from said another network terminal apparatus into setting information suitable for the network terminal apparatus and setting the network terminal apparatus based on the transformed setting information.

21. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the received setting information from said another network terminal apparatus is transformed based on a stylesheet corresponding to the device model version of the network terminal apparatus.